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Office Holding Record of Family in State, County and City Arouses Public Interest in "Fire Appliances."

it is contrary to good public policy in office. a free country to put too many of the public offices in one community in the possession of members of a single

The threats made by members of the Connery Gang to put The Eagle out of business impelled this newspaper to ferret out just what grasp the Connerys have on public affairs. The result is startling and of in-

terest to taxpayers, voters and the public generally. No wonder some of this gang of

public payroll ornaments believe that they can use the United States Government in their business.

They evidently have found the State of Illinois,

County of Cook and City of Chicago

Very profitable and easily worked attachments to the family possessions. Democrats in Chicago are wonder-ing why all of the public jobs are not given to Connery's.

It may be due to the fact that there are not enough Connerys to go around. Connerys First!

What a noble family motto that is

And often has the Democratic party fallen for the Connerys and their wellknown hankering for good things.
"State Street Store" Blocki as you

may have heard him referred to, a partner of John T. Connery in the coal of Review.

William J. Connery, nephew of John T. Connery, holds the nice-salaried job of Secretary of Reviewer Blocki. Partner Blocki will run for re-election next year, so prepare your bal-

Good stories of city contracts and of other contracts in which the Connery connections were alleged to have been interested are not so far forgotten that the public interest in them ever wholly died out.

There was a number of talented Democratic leaders who held office or contracts under the Busse BUSINESS administration

We have referred to some of these worthies before as our files will at-

But talking of the Busse BUSINESS administration, Democrats do not forget the party treason which brought it about.

Democrats do not forget the dose that some members of the Connery gang gave Mayor Dunne in 1907 when he was running for re-election.

Although looked upon by many in the light of the Royal Family of the Democratic party, entitled to most, if not to all, of the jobs in its gift, the Connery's are alleged to have given such great support to Busse and to have worked so hard ot defeat Dunne that Busse's gratitude was

When John W. Rainey, always a good Democrat and an able man, was running for Clerk of the Circuit Court in 1912, the Connery outfit fought him at the polls in favor of Joseph E. Bidwill, Jr., a Republican.

When Robert M. Sweitzer was running for the Democratic nomination for Mayor in 1915, the Connerys saw another chance to put a member of the family in that office and they trotted out Francis D. Connery, then City Clerk and now Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

But the Democratic stomach was showing signs of balking at an overdiet of Connery and the noble Francis D. was sent back to the payroll to wait for another chance.

Sweitzer got the nomination and it is said that the Connery following did not forgive him for crowding out one of the princes of the blood and were not over-enthusiastic for Sweit-zer's election—to say the least.

This year the Connery's are not

It is reported that Joseph E. Bid-will, Jr., son-in-law of John T. Con-nery will not seek Republican nomi-nation for Clerk of the Circuit Court against John W. Rainey, the present

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Largest Weekly Circulation Among

There are citizens who believe that | efficient Democratic incumbent of that | William J. Riordan (Nephew of Fran-

John T. Connery and a brother of Francis D. Connery and an uncle-inlaw of Joseph E. Bidwill, Jr., will seek a renomination for Recorder of Deeds

Connery will retain his present big job as Inspector for Attorney Gen-

Henry E. Connery, brother of Michael M. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Francis D. Connery, and uncle of William J. Connery and uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will hold his present lucrative job as State Bank Examiner.

ry E. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Michael M. Connery; uncle of William J. Connery uncle-in-law of Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr., will retain his present \$6,-000 a year job as Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

Joseph M. Connery, cousin of Fran-

until next year.

John T., Joseph F., Francis D., and Michael M. Connery will retain his nice-salared job as Blocki's Secretary. But by next year a few more of fices may be created for a few more Connerys as it would be too bad to have Blocki, John T. Connery's partner in the coal business running on a ticket where there was not another member of the Connery family to keep him from getting lonesome.

Information Gleaned from a Circular Distributed in the 28th Ward at the Last Primary.

A circular containing the following information was sent out broadcast in the Twenty-eighth ward during the late primary for Democratic Ward Committeeman and created much comment at the time:

"John will take the honors and Francis the jobs." Below is a list of Connery's rela tives that are on the public pay roll.

Francis D. Connery. Alderman 1901-1903-2 years-\$1,-500-83.000.

Alderman 1907-1909-2 years-\$1, 500-\$3,000.

City Clerk 1909-1915-6 years-\$5, 000-\$30,000. Comptroller Sanitary District at \$6,

000 per year, 1915. When Mr. Connery got his appointment with the Fanitary District, Mr. Eugene Boland, a Civil Engineer residing in the Twenty-eighth ward, was

let out of his position. Joseph F. Connery (Brother of Fran-As County Recorder 4 years at \$9,-

000-836,000. M. F. Connery

In Recorder's office 4 years at \$1,560—\$6,240. Henry Connery (Brother of Francis) In Bank Examiner Brady's office 4

years at \$2,500-\$10,000. Michael M. Connery (Brother above). Inspector in Attorney General's of

fice 4 years at \$2,500-\$10,000. William J. Connery (Nephew above).

Clerk Board of Review 6 years \$1,500-\$9,000. James J. Riorden (Brother-in-law of Francis).

Police officer in City Clerk's office. Clerk Recorder's office. Salary not

Several Women Relatives-Clerks

One Woman Relative-Truant officer. Salary not stated.
Other small positions held by Conserys mentioned. Salaries not stated.

Joseph F. Connery, a brother of

Michael M. Connery, brother of John T., Joseph F., and Francis D.

Francis D. Connery, brother of Hen-

cis D. Connery, Henry E. Connery, Joseph F. Connery, John T. Connery and Michael M. Connery has been mentioned for the Democratic nomination for Board of Review this year.

State Street Blocki, the business partner of John T. Connery, will not have a chance to run again for his present job on the Board of Review,

So William J. Connery, nephew of

Connery first-the rest nowhere.

the Taxes Levied on Labor Unions. FOR CONNERYS The public is naturally anxious to mentioned in public life, Mr. John T. contractor, lives at 5459 Sheridan

know what personal property taxes its office holders pay. So much has been said about the number of Connerys holding public office in Chicago that many inquiries have been made as to what personal property assessments are laid against these patriotic persons by the Board of Assessors.

The printed lists of personal property assessments for 1916 show the following facts:

Joseph F. Connery, Recorder of Deeds, at a salary of \$9,000 a year; also said to be secretary of a grave yard company, salary not learned and estate dealer at 134 South La Salle street. House, 2028 West Washington boulevard.

Assessment on printed list for District 34, West Town, \$400. Official salary, \$36,000 for four years

Assessed on \$400. Joseph F. Connery, Recorder of Deeds, at \$9,000 per year; secretary of the Graceland Cemetery Improvement Association and real estate dealer, is not listed on the assessors' printed list for district 16, South Town, at his

office, 134 South La Salle street. Henry T. Connery, Bank Examiner. House, 2028 West Washington boule

No assessment. C. A. Connery, teacher. House, 2028 West Washington boulevard. No assessment.

William J. Connery, clerk Board of Review. House, 2933 West Washington boulevard. No assessment.

Michael M. Connery, Examiner and Investigator for Attorney General. House, 6234 Winthrop avenue.

No assessment. M. F. Connery, Chief Clerk, 120 County building. House, 6234 Win throp avenue. No assessment.

Francis D. Connery, Comptroller of the Sanitary District of Chicago, at \$6,000 per year. House, 2702 North Washtenaw avenue.

No assessment on printed list for that district, Francis D. Connery, Comptroller of Sanitary District of Chicago, at \$6,000 per year, moved since May 1 to 1128

Columbia avenue. No assessment at that number. A search of the list of District No. 4, town of Lake View, embracing the district where a man frequently

view, and if elected will receive 6 years at \$7,000—\$42,000. The circular winds up with this statement: "Other Connerys are holding office

Clerk Municipal Court 6 years at

Is now a candidate for Board of Re-

loseph M. Connery (Cousin).

\$1,320—\$7,920.

pesides those mentioned above." The above circular circulated by 28th Ward Democrats at the 1916 primary election only gives the relatives of Francis D. Connery, who is a broth-er of Reviewer Blocki's partner, John T. Connery; State Attorney General's Investigator Michael M. Connery; Recorder of Deeds Joseph F. Connery; an uncle of Reviewer Blocki's Assistant, William J. Connery; a brother

of Review. If all of the office-holding relatives of all of the other Connerys outside of Francis D. Connery were published it would have to be as a serial. No one issue of the paper could spare the space for the names.

of Henry Connery, State Bank Exam-

iner, and a cousin of Joseph M. Con-

nery, said to be a candidate for Board

CLEAR THE ROAD

Opposition Is Growing Against Gang Blocking Sheridan Drive

The gang that has been using Sheridan road in the vicinity of Balmoral avenue for a garage will have to find another roosting place. There is a big outcry against blocking the road at this point, and a clean, straight, permanent highway on Sheridan road from Chicago to Milwaukee is the ideal for which "membership week" of the Sheridan Road Improvement Association has been arranged.

The plan has progressed beyond the conversational stage. The association has established offices at 800 Rookery Building. The headquarters are in charge of Henry Atwater, secretary. The other officers are Edwin L. Lobdell, president; John H. Hardin, vice president; F. J. Scheidenheim, treasurer, and William L. Chenery, assistant secretary.

RECORDER OF ADS.

in the Recorder's office should have the title of his fine salaried job changed to "Recorder of Ads." are informed that a delightful monthly almanac over which he presides as official editor is out for ads from the business community.

THE CONNERYS

The levying of an assessment of five per cent on the salaries of all employes of the Sanitary District and the Cook County offices, "to help the ticket," should prove a delightful treat to such Connerys as are running for office this year.

Items About Them, Gleaned from Printed

Personal Property Assessments; Also,

Connery, partner in the coal business

of Reviewer Blocki, resides, does not

disclose any assessment against that

gentleman which is surprising in view

of the fact that many think him a mil-

He is a brother of Joseph F. Michael

J. T. Connery's name does not ap-

Labor organizations do not appear

Chauffeurs' Union, desk in room

Laundry Drivers' Union, desk in

room 506, 175 West Washington

Milk Drivers' Union, desk in room

Tea and Coffee Drivers' Union, desk

Bill Posters' Union, desk in room

400, 175 West Washington street, as-

A large number of other assess-

ments against labor organizations

These from one district, District

People looking for the Edgewater

Beach Hotel, 5325 Sheridan Road, said

to be owned in part by the Connerys

would look in vain for it if they

searched the 1916 printed assessment

roll of District No. 4, town of Lake

View for it. It is as notable for its ab-

sence from this list as is John T. Con-

Harry R. Gibbons, a true Democrat

and great business man, is on the list.

He lives at 5400 Sheridan Road and

M. H. McGovern, the well known

in room 506, 175 West Washington

506, 175 West Washington street, as-

506, 175 West Washington street, as-

M., Henry T., Francis D., etc., etc.

town of South Chicago.

street, is assessed at \$800.

is assessed at \$400.

sessed at \$900.

sessed at \$900.

street, assessed at \$900.

street, assessed at \$600.

But what's the use?

South Town, are enough.

might be quoted.

nery's name.

is assessed on \$2,000.

Connery Democratic Committee Nominates Big County Ticket Without a German Name—Say Germans Have No Chance.

descent on it.

A Connery is on it of course, for one of the best jobs.

Not a man on the ticket had an American grandfather, the only outgoing county official who had an American grandfather, County Surveyor George C. Waterman, was not renominated.

No Germans were wanted. Some of the leaders were interviewed by The Tribune with the following re-

Ross C. Hall, representing the country towns, said:

"Our ticket will be unbeatable in November after we have slated a few Poles for the Municipal court. The city hall forces have put up a ticket of Swedes and Germans. We've named a ticket of Irish and Poles. How can we lose?"

There isn't a single German on the entire Sullivan state, the talk among

So-called Democrats have nominated | the slatemakers being that no Ger- | liam M. Brown (Rep.). ticket without a German by birth or man had a chance in Cook County this fall.

The full slate named follows: State's Attorney-Maclay Hoyne. Recorder-Joseph F. Connery.

Circuit Court Clerk-John W. Rai Superior Court Clerk - James C. Gavin. Coroner-James B. Bowler.

Assessor (six year term)-Martin O'Brien. Assessor (to fill vacancy)-Joseph Cepak. Board of Review-Thos. J. Webb.

County Surveyor-William P. Fee-President Sanitary District-Thom-

as M. Sullivan. Sanitary Trustees-Joseph Rushkevicz and James A. Long.

Superior Court Judge (to fill va cancy)—Joseph Sabath. Circuit Judge (to fill vacancy)-Jacob H. Hopkins.

"We will nominate Hoyne and cut the guts out of him at the polls like we did in 1912," said one leader.

VOTE GETTERS

Although the Connerys Hold Many Public Jobs They Are Not Strong at the Ballot Box.

At the Democratic primary for Recorder of Deeds in 1912 the result

Joseph F. Connery....56,343 His opponents64,493 So Connery was a minority nomi-

ney ran for the nomination for Clerk of the Circuit Court, the office held by Connery's Republican nephew-in-law, Joseph E. Bidwell, Jr. Result of the

John W. Rainey71,695 All opponents44,666

Rainey's majority over

At the same primary in 1912 John T. Connery's partner in the coal busi ness, Blocki, was a candidate for the nomination for Board of Review. The result:

Blocki, Connery's part-

ner39,415 His opponents87,253 So Blocki, Connery's partner, was in

minority of 47,838 votes. One of his opponents, Charles J. Vopicka, came near defeating Blocki, Connery's partner, receiving 38,989 votes to Blocki, Connery's partner's 39,415.

In 1913, Francis D. Connery was a candidate at the Democratic primary for the nomination for City Clerk The candidates besides Connery were Joseph M. Coffey, F. H. Landmesser, Fred L. Yeager, John C. Guenther, Randall E. Marshall and Vincent S. Zwiefka. The result:

Francis D. Connery............42,187 His Democratic opponents.....51,460 So Connery was very much of a minority candidate.

J. C. O'Brien, 5132 Sheridan road, is FOR THE LEGISLATURE

A Number of Candidates Are Already in the Field.

ture have formally announced themselves and are now starting their campaigns. Senators are to be elected from the Second, Fourth and Sixth Cook county districts now represented respectively by Francis A. Hurley and Al F. Gorman, Democrats, and George W. Harris, a Progressive who is back in the Republican fold. All

House members who will seek re First district-John Griffin (Dem. and William H. Brinkman and Shad-

rick B. Turner (Reps.). Second district-Dr. George U. Lipshulch and Frank Ryan (Dems.), and

ert R. Jackson (Rep.). Fourth district—George C. Hilton and Hubert Kilens (Dems.), and

dergast and James C. McGloon (Dems.), and Solomon P. Roderick (Rep.). Twenty-first district-Benjamin M. Mitchell (Dem.), and Frederick J. Bip-

Young (Rep.).

(Rep.).

E. Shanahan (Rep.).

John H. Lyle (Rep.).

Thomas Curran (Rep.).

ward J. Smejkal (Rep.).

pus and Thomas P. Devereaux (Reps.). Twenty-third district-George R. Bruce (Dem.), William G. Thon (Rep.) and Christian M. Madsen Twenty-fifth district-John G. Jaobsen (Dem.), Charles L. Fieldstack (Rep.) and Joseph M. Mason (Soc.).

Seventh district-Frederic R. De

Ninth district-Robert J. Mulcahy

Eleventh district-Frank J. Ryan

Thirteenth district—James W. Ryan

(Dem.), and Gotthard A. Dahlberg

Fifteenth district-Joseph O. Hruby and Peter F. Smith (Dems.), and

Seventeenth district-John S. Burns

and Jacob Epstein (Dems.), and Ed-

Nineteenth district-James T. Pren-

and Henry F. Schuberth (Dems.), and

and Joseph Placek (Dems.), and David

Twenty-seventh district-Joseph A. G. Trandel and James M. Donlan (Dems.) and Albert Rostenkowski Twenty-ninth district-James H. Farrell and Bernard J. Conlon

Thirty-first district-Frank J. Self Dem.) and Harry F. Hamlin and E. I. Frankhauser (Reps.).

DEMOCRATIC **WORKERS SORE**

Discontent Among Democratic Workers Is Increasing Over the Tendency of Democratic Bosses to Give the Best Jobs to Members of One Family.

The people have known right along that the Connerys were credited with holding many public jobs in Chicago. The people have known right along that the Connerys were in the coal business to make money.

They have known right along that a member of the Connery coal firm is a member of the Board of Review. They have known right along this official's private secretary was a Con-They have known right along that

They have known right alorg that the Official Investigator of the Illinois Attorney General's Office is a Con-

the Attorney General's Office investi-

gates matters connected with public

They have known right along that a city clerk some of whose methods the present city clerk did not follow was a Connery. They have known right along that

the man who passes on the bills of Contractors for the Sanitary District of Chicago is a Connery-the Comptroller of the District. They have known right along that

the rather important job of State Bank Examiner is held by a Connery. They have known right along that many of the public offices in Cook

County are coneycombed with Connerys. They know that the Recorder of Deeds, who runs again this year, whose office contains several Con-

nerys, is a Connery. Residents of Edgewater and users of the boulevard generally are loud in their complaints of the action of the mitting the Sheridan Road in the vicinity of Balmoral avenue to be used

as a garage for the autos of easy-going sports associated with the gang. Sheridan Road in this vicinity is almost impassable because of the gang of autos that are permitted to stand

in the roadway. This abuse has grown to be a public scandal.

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Ald. Carl T. Murray sent letters to Chief of Police Healey and the pres-

attention to the nonenforcement of the ordinance prohibiting the use of "cutouts" on automobile and motorcycle mufflers, and asking for the issuance of general orders for the arrest of all

idents of the three park boards calling

Road, is not on the list. M. M. Magasarian, at 5115 Sheridan Road, is listed at \$2,700. Thomas J. Webb, at 5256 Sheridan

John T. Connery at 5228 Sheridan

Road and is assessed on \$2,100.

Road, is listed at \$1,400. F. Bowers, at 5116 Sheridan Road is listed at \$4,350. T. H. Gilleland, at 5133 Sheridan

pear on the printed assessment list Road, is listed at \$1,650. which includes the territory in which R. D. Huzzagh, at 5455 Sheridan his business office at 332 South Mich-Road, is listed at \$1,115. igan avenue is located, in District 20, P. Malkan, at 5123 Sheridan Road is listed at \$3,000.

C. H. Fellows, at 5124 Sheridan to escape the vigilance of the Asses-Road, is listed at \$1,500. The Chicago Federation of Labor on its desk at 166 West Washington H. J. Bride, 5246 Sheridan road, listed at \$1,750.

The Brotherhood of All Railroad Men at 326 West Madison street. A. Ellinger, 5220 Sheridan road, listed at \$1,000 J. B. Earl, 5133 Sheridan road. Bakery Drivers' Union, desk in room listed at \$2,900. A. M. Gazlay, 5416 Sheridan road, 506, 175 West Washington street, as-

listed at \$1,085 S. L. Graham, 5117 Sheridan road, is listed at \$800.

Alice A. Murray, 5412 Sheridan road, is listed at \$7,650 Mrs. E. C. Keefe, 5120 Sheridan road, is listed at \$11,265.

listed at \$600.

road, is listed at \$11,250. Ella Stromberg, 5442 Sheridan road, is listed at \$10,000. J. A. Van Engers, 5412 Sheridan road, is listed at \$950.

W. M. Walker, 5430 Sheridan road. is listed at \$1,800. Adolphus Wolf, 5554 Sheridan road. is listed at \$2,250.

How the Assessors could go north and south of 5228 Sheridan Road where John T. Connery lives and 5325 Sheridan Road where the Edgewater Beach Hotel is located and not list them for personal property taxes is an interesting subject for public inquiry.

> Thomas A. Boyer (Rep.). and John Helwig (Rens.). Sixth district—Joseph A. Weber and Robert E. Wilson (Dems.), and Wil-

Several candidates for the legisla-Saddle & Cycle Club, 5227 Sheridan

> are candidates for re-election. election are:

John J. Gardner (Rep.). Third district-John P. Walsh and Edward M. Santry (Dems.), and Rob-

Fifth district-Isaac S. Rothschild

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